

How Do I Obtain the Required Documents to Show Me Proof?

Birth Certificate (Born in Missouri)

If you need a certified copy of your birth certificate and you were born in Missouri, you have three options:

- Write to: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Bureau of Vital Records
P.O. Box 570
Jefferson City, MO 65102
- Call (573) 751-6387 or (573) 751-6400
- Go to www.dhss.mo.gov and click on Birth and Death Records on the left side of the page. An application is available at <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/BirthAndDeathRecords/index.html>.
- Or go to <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/LPHA/PublicHealthAgencies.html> to find the public health agency that will have your birth certificate.

Birth Certificate (Not Born in Missouri)

If you need a certified copy of your birth certificate and you were not born in Missouri:

- Contact the state department of health or vital records in which you were born. The federal Center for Disease Control website (www.cdc.gov) includes a list of all states and links to each state's appropriate vital records agency from the National Center for Health Statistics at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>.
- The same website is also linked from the Department of Health and Senior Services website at <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/BirthAndDeathRecords/index.html>.

Marriage License (Married In Missouri)

For women who changed their last name in marriage, and were married in Missouri:

- Contact the county Recorder of Deeds in the county in which you purchased your marriage license. A list of contact information is available from the Secretary of State at http://www.sos.mo.gov/MOroster/county_officials.pdf.
- Call the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at (573) 751-6387 or (573) 751-6400. A document showing proof of marriage and the subsequent name change is available from DHSS if you physically visit the Department at
- Go to www.dhss.mo.gov and click on Birth and Death Records on the left side of the page. An application is available at <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/BirthAndDeathRecords/index.html>.

Marriage License (Married Outside of Missouri)

For women who changed their last name in marriage, and were married outside Missouri:

- You will likely have to contact the county in which you obtained your marriage license. For a list of state contact information, go to the National Center for Health Statistics at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>.

Divorce Decree (Divorced in Missouri)

For women who have changed or wish to change their name as a result of a divorce in Missouri:

- Contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court where the divorce was granted. A complete list is available from the Secretary of State at http://www.sos.mo.gov/MOroster/county_officials.pdf.

Divorce Decree (Divorced Outside of Missouri)

For women who have changed or wish to change their name as a result of a divorce outside of Missouri:

- Contact the state or county in which your divorce was granted. For a list of state contact information, go to the National Center for Health Statistics at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>.